

**National Notable Achievement Awards
2018 Nomination Form**

Select the award below for which you are nominating an individual or team. **Use a separate nomination form for each award.** Descriptions of awards, eligibility requirements, and evaluation criteria are in the *National Notable Achievement Award 2018 Description and Criteria*.

Brownfields

- ☐ Brownfields Team Excellence Award
- ☐ Land Revitalization Team Award

Communications, Partnerships and Analysis

- ☐ Outstanding Re-Powering Individual or Team Effort
- ☐ Community Engagement Award
- ☐ Award for Excellence in Using Data or Evidence to Improve our Understanding of OLEM Program Effectiveness or Impact
- ☐ Outstanding Environmental Justice Achievement Award

Emergency Management

- ☐ Chemical Emergency Preparedness & Planning Award (Leadership/Team)
- ☐ Oil Award
- ☐ Homeland Security Award
- ☐ On-Scene Coordinator Award

Federal Facilities Response

- ☐ Federal Facilities Response Outstanding Achievement Award (Individual)
- ☐ Federal Facilities Response Outstanding Achievement Award (Team)

RCRA and TSCA PCB Permits and Cleanups

- ☐ Outstanding Use of Innovative Approaches to Achieve Permitting or Corrective Action Program Goals
- ☐ Outstanding Use of Redevelopment Potentials or Leveraging of External Resources to Accelerate Cleanups
- ☐ Outstanding Regional Efforts to Support State or Tribal RCRA Programs
- ☐ Outstanding Use of Innovative Approaches to Advance the PCB Disposal and Cleanup Program
- ☐ Outstanding Support of the Development, Implementation, and/or Oversight of EPA's RCRA Base

RCRA Sustainable Materials Management Program

- ☐ Individual or Team

RCRA Waste Management

- ☐ Solid and Hazardous Waste Management
- ☐ EPA Methods Development

Regional Science

- ☐ Individual or Team

Superfund

- ☐ Remedial Project Manager of the Year (Individual)
- ☐ Site Assessment Manager of the Year (Individual)
- ☐ Community Involvement Coordinator of the Year (Individual)
- ☐ Superfund Individual of the Year
- ☐ Superfund Team of the Year
- ☐ Superfund Advancing Innovations and Sustainability in Cleanup Practice (Individual or Team)
- ☒ Citizen Excellence in Community Involvement Award

Superfund Site Remediation Enforcement Awards

- ☐ Enforcement Team Award
- ☐ Financial Management Team Award
- ☐ Legal Enforcer Award
- ☐ Technical Enforcer Award

Underground Storage Tanks

- ☐ Outstanding Prevention Award
- ☐ Outstanding Cleanup/ Revitalization Award

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Nominating Official who is able to answer questions about this nomination.

Jim Murphy, EPA Region 1	Title Community Involvement Team Leader	Telephone Number 617-918-1028
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Individual Nominee

Name <i>List <u>exactly</u> as it should be shown on all award materials.</i> Andrea Amico	EPA Region, Office, and Mail code or Non-EPA Organization and Postal Address
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Nominee Team Name or Site Name (if applicable)

Team Name <i>List <u>exactly</u> as it should be shown on all award materials.</i>	Site Name <i>List <u>exactly</u> as it should be shown on all award materials.</i>
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Team Nominees – Limited to 20 team members.

Name <i>List <u>exactly</u> as it should be shown on all award materials.</i>	EPA Region, Office, and Mail code or Non-EPA Organization and Postal Address
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Award Citation – *Write a 25-word citation for this nomination. This will be used for the award booklet.*

This award recognizes Andrea Amico's work in organizing and educating community and government stakeholders impacted by PFAS water contamination at the former Pease AFB in Portsmouth, NH.

Supplementary work product or plan attached (if applicable)

Name of Item

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1. Showed leadership and commitment in working with the Superfund site team to help their community understand and participate in the cleanup process. Andrea Amico has worked effectively with EPA, the NH Department of Environmental Services, the NH Department of Health and Human services, the City of Portsmouth, the U.S. Air Force, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), and elected officials to aggressively address the challenging issue of “emerging contaminants” at the Pease Air Force Base Superfund Site in Portsmouth/Newington, NH. Historic firefighting and training activities by the Air Force resulted in contamination of public & private water supply wells by PFAS at levels above EPA’s Health Advisory. Andrea’s leadership and commitment in working with the community and site team over the past 4 years has increased community participation not only at the Pease site, but at other superfund and state lead PFAS sites in New Hampshire’s seacoast area. She is an inspirational leader who serves as a model community advocate in forming relationships and collaborating with government and elected officials to voice her concerns and achieve the community’s goals. As a genuine leader, she always credits other concerned parents, community members, and federal and state elected officials for their support and participation in the process of addressing the investigations and cleanup at the former base. Andrea notes that there is much more work to do, many more people to reach, and much more to be learned about PFAS and emerging chemicals.

2. Served as a liaison between the EPA and their community to help distribute information and answer questions from local officials and community members about the Superfund site work. Andrea Amico is a Portsmouth resident, wife, and mother of two small children that attend daycare full-time on Pease. Her entire family has been directly impacted by the Pease water contamination as her husband was employed for a company on Pease for almost 9 years and both of her children have attended daycare on Pease since they were 12 weeks old. She started her advocacy work for Pease in May 2014 when she first learned of the Pease water contamination in the media and wanted to learn more about the exposure her family was facing. In 2015, Andrea co-founded the Testing For Pease (TFP) community group, website, and facebook page along with 2 other mothers from the daycares on Pease. She serves as a very visible liaison between many government agencies and the local community. The TFP website is presently the most complete and up-to-date source of information about PFAS at Pease with links to federal and state pages on PFAS, government organizations and resources, legislation, news articles, upcoming meetings, etc. related to Pease AFB

3. Showed willingness to advocate the needs of the community to the EPA and foster a climate of open dialogue. Andrea has shown her willingness and determination in advocating for community needs. She initially faced stiff resistance about her request that the Air Force or state offer blood testing to members of the Pease Tradeport community. Due to her persistence, and constant outreach to officials and the media, NH Department of Health and Human Services offered the Pease community a PFAS blood testing program. A total of 1,578 community members participated in the blood testing program. Andrea continues to reach out and communicate with EPA to develop national enforceable drinking water standards that are science-based for infants, children, and vulnerable populations, and for combined total of all PFAS.

4. Actively participated in community meetings, disseminated information, and identified ways the EPA site team could work effectively with the community. During the award

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period 10/2016 – 9/2017, Andrea and other TFP members participated in over a dozen public meetings, presented and disseminated information at various community forums, submitted comments on state and federal health agencies' documents, wrote letters to media outlets and elected officials, met with elected officials and participated in media interviews. Over recent months, Andrea and TFP has met with members of the NH congressional delegation. Following her participation in a national PFAS conference at Northeastern University in Boston in June 2017, Andrea has worked to help form a National PFAS Contamination Coalition and is working with other New England community leaders who are concerned about the PFAS drinking water contamination in their localities. They have shared their communities' stories and discussed best practices to better support local organizing for clean water and health. Andrea and other group representatives have been meeting with state environmental agencies and recently met with the Region 1 Administrator to recommend action they would like EPA to support, and offer suggestions about how EPA can better work with and communicate with impacted communities in New England and nationally.

5. Showed leadership in advocating for future land use. The Pease Tradeport, which employs over 9,000 people and houses over 250 businesses, has been established on the property of the former Pease Air Force Base. Andrea and TFP, the community group she helped start with two other moms with children attending daycare on Pease, continue to serve as a reliable resource for education and communication for the businesses and employees at the Tradeport. Overcoming the initial challenges of informing employers on the Tradeport of the Air Force's testing and action associated with discovery of "emerging contaminants" in the public drinking water supply wells, Andrea and TFP have acted as a communication bridge among multiple agencies, businesses, and the community. Her efforts to involve the community in the planning and communication process has served to educate the Pease community about the contamination and remediation of the public water supply wells which in turn has enabled the redevelopment process to continue expansion and maintain stability with an informed community.

6. Effectively used EPA resources and programs (e.g., technical assistance, community advisory groups, volunteers and grants) so the community could effectively participate in the site cleanup process. As an early community advocate, Andrea was instrumental in the City of Portsmouth's formation of a Community Advisory Board for the Pease Tradeport which met bimonthly during the second half of 2015 and maintains a periodic meeting schedule today. Andrea also participated in initial meetings with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and currently serves as key member of the Community Advisory Panel (CAP) formed by ATSDR in 2016. During 2017, ATSDR released a feasibility assessment regarding possible health studies at Pease, and Andrea and CAP members continue to provide input for the health studies and research. The Air Force also re-established the Pease Restoration Advisory Board to foster dialogue about aquifer restoration activities and discussion surrounding clean-up and ongoing treatment for the 3 wells that supply water to the former Pease AFB. Andrea was selected as a new RAB member in early 2018. As a result of Andrea's emphasis on understandable and effective outreach from day one, EPA, NHDES, NHDHHS, and the City of Portsmouth have all improved the quality and quantity of data and information available to the public on their respective websites.

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